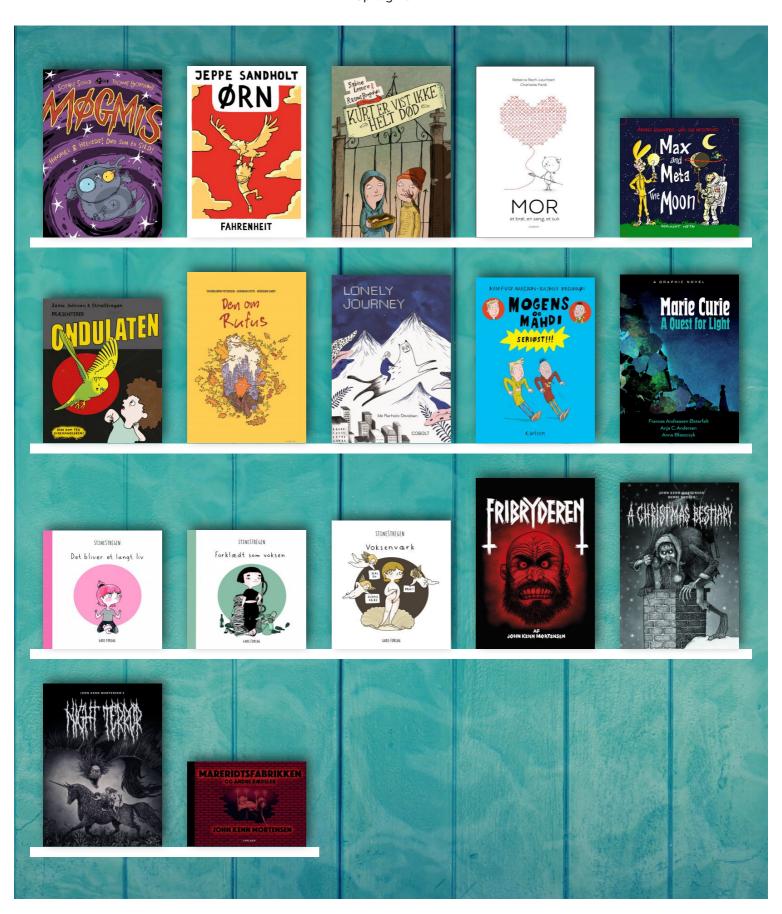




Graphic novel Highlights

Spring 2024



Sophie Souid Thomas Hjorthaab





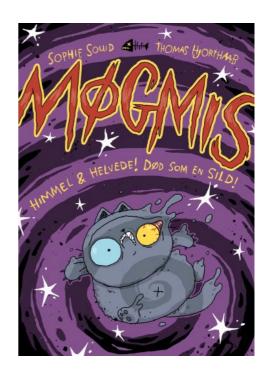
Shitty Kitty (4) -**Heaven and Hell!** Dead as a Doornail.

Møgmis (4) - himmel og helvede! Død som en sild.

The fourth instalment in the hugely popular new graphic novel series, about a life and death pet war between a boy and his cat. A bestseller in Denmark and winner of several awards, the series is sold in six translation markets so far. There are currently five books planned in the series.

Sophie Souid is an award-winning Danish children's book author known for her great humourous writing.

Thomas Hjorthaab is a graduate of Serieskolan in Malmö from 2012 and a fulltime illustrator.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: May, 2024

88 pages

Category: <u>Graphic Novels</u>

Sub-category: Children

Genre: Humour

Available material: English sample of the

first book.

SYNOPSIS

A super entertaining, a bit grotesque and rather gross graphic novel series about friendship and animosity. Because the teenager, Sivert, and his cunning cat, Shitty Kitty, love each other. Or love to hate each other.

Sivert is away at a summer camp, so Shitty Kitty is having a ball. It looks forward to enjoying a couple of days without blame, shame and the smell of sour feet. But happiness is short. Because after a series of unlucky fatalies, Shitty Kitty runs out of lives and is suddenly in limbo - dead as a doornail.

Shitty Kitty has lost all of his remaining six lives and now has to face God and convince the Devil that it doesn't belong in Hell after all, but at home with Sivert.

The first book, SHITTY KITTY: REVENGE IS SWEET AND REEKS OF FISH! won the Best Graphic Novel of the Year Award by The Copenhagen Libraries, as well as the Orla Prize 2023 in the category "The Book that made me wet my Pants with Laughing".

The second book is currently nominated for the *Ping Prize*.

Territories Handled

Jeppe Sandholt



Eagle

Ørn

An epic coming-of-age novel in the graphic novel format - full of heart, soul and humour. A total page-turner in a very easy to read language.

Jeppe Sandholt (b. 1982) is a Danish animator and illustrator with a Bachelor of Arts in Character Animation from The Animation Workshop, Viborg, Denmark.

SYNOPSIS

Thor is a soft-spoken boy with an over-powering father. He is quite lonely and usually lets others take the lead. At school he is an easy target for the bullies. That all changes one day when he finds an eaglet, who is dependent on him to survive. Now, Thor gets to be in charge for change. But eagles are not so easy to tame...

REVIEWS

"EAGLE is about family, friendship and first love and it is one of those amazing books that everyone can get something out of. It is a really gorgeously illustrated tale, and with its 842 pages it is apparently one of the longest graphic novels ever in Denmark. However, you should not be put off by the epic format, because the book is more show than tell, with relatively little text in the form of direct speech and sound words. It makes the book very easy to read, without compromising on the exciting and dramatic plot." - (Litteratursiden (The Literature Page)



FAHRENHEIT

Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Fahrenheit

Published: October, 2023

842 pages

Category: <u>Graphic Novels</u>

Sub-category: Children

Available material: English sample upon request

Territories Handled

Sabine Lemire Rasmus Bregnhøi





Kurt is apparently not quite dead

Kurt er vist ikke helt død

A stand-alone graphic novel by author/illustrator duo behind the popular MIRA - and MOGENS AND MAHDI series. The difficult conversation about death, served with a good portion of humour to the target group 6+.

Sabine Lemire (b. 1974) is a graduate of the Danish Design School and The Duperré School of Applied Arts i in Paris. Short-listed for Deutscher Jugendbuch Preis 2019 with MIRA.

Rasmus Bregnhøi is a hugely popular and award-winning Danish illustrator, who was short-listed for the Deutscher Jugendbuchpreis in 2019.



Dea's hamster, Kurt, does not want to do anything. Normally, he is full of beans, but now he is neither blinking nor waving his paw. Sven claims he is not moving at all. Dea is not quite sure...

At the church yard, they run into a strange man, who is also called Kurt. He looks a bit dead, but he is full of good stories, about the exciting life and death of the animals he has known through the years.

But why is he going on about that in the first place? There's nothing wrong with Dea's Kurt, or is there?



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: March, 2024

64 pages

Category: <u>Graphic Novels</u>

Sub-category: <u>Children</u>

Available material: English sample upon request.

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Territories Sold

Swedish: Berghs Forlag

Rebecca Bach-Lauritsen Charlotte Pardi





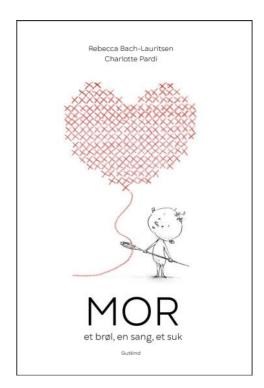
Mum - a roar, a song, a sigh

Mor - et brøl, en sang, et suk

A visual description of the special bond of love between mother and child. It is made up of 30 statements on what Mum is – for example a roar, a song, a sigh – accompanied by a onepage illustration. It was created in close collaboration between author, Rebecca Bach-Lauritsen, and illustrator, Charlotte Pardi.

Rebecca Bach-Lauritsen (b. 1976) is an award-winning Danish author and radio journalist, whose previous books were translated into several languages.

Charlotte Pardi (b. 1971) has won the Danish Cultural Ministry's Illustrator Prize on several occasions and is loved for her gentle appealing artwork.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gutkind

Published: April, 2022

64 pages

Category: Graphic Novels

Sub-category: <u>Crossover</u>

Available material: English sample upon

request

SYNOPSIS

Mum is a hand in the dark.

Mum is an akwardly long hug.

Mum is a blow and a nudge.

MUM is a book for everyone who is or has a mum.

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

REVIEWS

"A lovely depiction of all the different and many-facetted bonds between child and mother... you cannot help but smile and feel the warmth in - yes, the heart by this poetic little publication." - Heidi Mørch / Lektørudtalelse (Danish Library Centre (Dansk Bibliotekscenter)

"A book for the heart with space to make your own interpretations ... a lovely and gentle occasional book and a loving message for a mum-to-be, your own mum, someone who has lost a mum or you, who is yourself a mum." - Line Hoffgaard (The Literature Page (Litteratursiden)

Troels Gollander Lars-Ole Neistgaard





Max and Meta: The Moon

Max og Meta: Månen

The Max and Meta series is a vibrant new series for children about scientific phenomena a series where children's curiosity for our wonderful natural world is at the centre. Aimed at 6+, each book covers a new topic, such as gravity, colours, time and atoms. The Moon is the first book in the series, comprising seven books.

Troels Gollander is one of Denmark's most popular writers of science literature for children and young adults,

Lars-Ole Nejstgaard is a cartoonist and illustrator of children's books, several of which have been adapted for film.

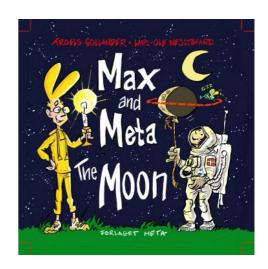


Max and Meta explore the natural world around them with curiosity. Meta has a magic power: when she snaps her fingers, she can transport her and her friend, Max, to new places. In the first book, they land on the moon.

REVIEWS

"The cartoon style and the topic conveyed through the dialogue between Max and Meta work in a compelling way. The level is accessible, and the few cherrypicked facts, wrapped in a funny story, work as a lever to further literature on the topic." – (Library Review (Lektørudtalelse)

"A wonderful new series, which merges fiction and non-fiction and presents scientific phenomena in an inspiring and curious way." - (School Start Magazine (Skolestart)



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Meta

Published: January, 2023

26 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: Middle-Grade

Genre: Non-fiction

Themes: Curiosity, Science

Available material: Full English translation available.

Territories Handled

Zenia Johnsen Stine Spedsbjerg





SYNOPSIS

BudgiEVIL

Ondulaten

Laugh-out-loud "pet horror" in new comic book aimed a 5-8 year-olds.

Zenia Johnsen (b. 1975) is an author and illustrator, with a past as librarian, reviewer, editorial consultant and a member of the prize committee of the Cultural Ministry.

The artist, StineStregen, has earned herself lots of fans with her original, recognisable illustration style.

Bastian desperately wishes for a pet and mum completely agrees. Bastian needs to learn to be a responsible person and a pet is perfect for that. Bastian would ideally like to have a soft, cute rabbit, but mum does not think that is a good pet. A budgie is much better: it is easy to keep and completely innocuous. So that's what they get.

The discussions continue - now it's about the name: Bastian would like to call it Sweet Pea, but mum insists on Chirpy. However, neither Bastian nor the budgie agree on this. Because it turns out that it isn't an ordinary budgie that they have bought. It is a BudgiEVIL and how on earth are you going to escape such a species?



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: February, 2023

40 pages

Category: Graphic Novels

Sub-category: <u>Children</u>

Available material: English sample upon

request

Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Thorbjørn Petersen Rufus the Fox **Herman Ditte** Mårdøn Smet







SYNOPSIS

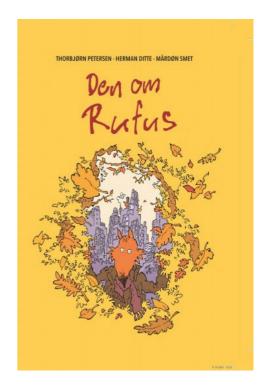
Den om Rufus

Charming Danish graphic novel, nominated for the 2022 Nordic Council's Children and Young People's Literature Prize.

Thorbjørn Petersen is a cartoonist and illustrator with a BA in graphic storytelling from The Animation Workshop.

Herman Ditte is the joint pen name for Thomas Vium and Silja Lin, who are both graphic storytellers and graduates from the Animation Workshop.

Mårdøn Smet is an experienced illustrator and author and teaches at The Animation Workshop.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: June. 2021

56 pages

Category: Graphic Novels

Sub-category: <u>Children</u>

Available material: English sample

The first autumn storm shakes the trees in the street, and inside, Rufus snuggles in his best armchair while sipping his tea - with two pieces of sugar in it. The storm warns of something unforeseen and dangerous.

Soon, the most bizarre events will bring the comfortable city fox far from his safe armchair and his warm living room. As far from home as he has ever been before...

The Nordic Literature Council wrote in their motivation:

"Are we products of nature or culture? This well-known dichotomy is the focal point of this charming and amusing picture story of the fox, Rufus, who lives in the city, but one night, strays into the forest where he meets a bunch of wild foxes. Before long, a "wild and foreign feeling" takes root in Rufus who runs around playfully without clothes – quite without missing his flat, armchair and hot cup of tea. (...)

The will of the work is its own, yet the narrative manages to accommodate readers of all ages and gives them something they did not know they wanted. It's a question of going along with the story's own unique premise and allowing yourself to be absorbed by a universe that balances razor-sharp between nature and that which is cultivated – by a fox. Or is it the other way around?"

Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Territories Sold

Italian: Sinnos

Ida Rørholm Davidsen



Lonely Journey

A modern coming-of-age fairytale in the form of an award-winning graphic novel.

Ida Rørholm Davidsen won the prestigious Ping Award in the category "Best YA publication 2019"

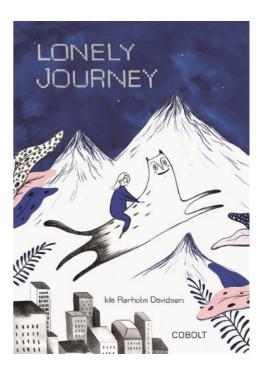
SYNOPSIS

In this spell-binding coming-of-age story, a young girl struggles to fit in, subconsciously mimicking her mother's lonely existence. Her interest in the computer game, Lonely Journey, becomes an obsession, but it also becomes a means to reinvent herself. In the virtual reality, she can escape and live out her dreams. Slowly reality and virtuality start to merge.

REVIEWS

"Computer games both increase and release loneliness. Ida Rørhom Davidsen makes her debut with a stunning and sensitive YA book about loneliness and friendship offline and online" – (Information)

"...believable, heart-breaking and real." - (The Ping Prize Commitee)



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Cobolt

Published: October, 2018

120 pages

Category: <u>Graphic Novels</u>

Sub-category: Crossover

Available material: Danish original, full English sample translation

Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Territories Sold

Czech: Centrala

English (World): Centrala

Polish: Centrala

Kim Fupz Aakeson Rasmus Bregnhøi





Mogens & Mahdi -Seriously!

Mogens & Mahdi - Seriøst!

Mogens and Mahdi is a prize-winning and acclaimed comic book series from Denmark capturing the friendship of two 9-year-old boys spot-on. Translated into German, Norwegian and Swedish.

Kim Fupz Aakeson is an award-winning, bestselling writer of children's books.

Rasmus Bregnhøi is a hugely popular and award-winning Danish illustrator, who was short-listed for the Deutscher Jugendbuchpreis in 2019.

SYNOPSIS

In Mogens and Mahdi - Seriously! hormones have made their appearance on the scene. What's happening when Asta comes near?! Is the friendship between Mogens and Mahdi going to survive the class party, the Christmas procession and the horror movie sleep-over?

Fupz and Bregnhøi have created a feisty cocktail of laugh-out-loud moments and "boys will be boys" tales and as usual humour, sweetness and the seriousness of life are tied together in the most original and hilarious way.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Carlsen

Published: August, 2021

120 pages

Category: Graphic Novels

Sub-category: <u>Children</u>

Available material: English sample of the first book + full German translation

Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Territories Sold

German: Klett Kinderbuch

Frances Andreasen Østerfelt Anja C. Andersen Anna Blaszczyk







Marie Curie: a Quest for Light

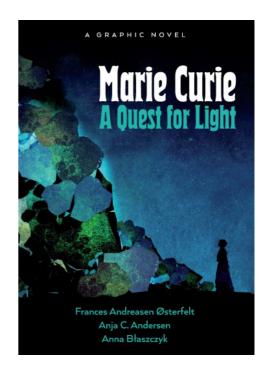
Marie Curie: et lys i mørket

A stunning-looking authorised biography, making Curie's fascinating story available to children and adults alike, published October 2021 by IDW Publishing in the US.

Frances Andreasen Østerfelt is the driving force behind the graphic novel, Marie Curie: A Quest for Light, which she wrote in close collaboration with the Curie Estate.

Anja C. Andersen is an award-winning Professor at the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen.

Anna Blaszczyk's stunning artwork has enriched the storytelling in Marie Curie: A Quest for Light



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Cobolt

Published: August, 2018

136 pages

Category: <u>Graphic Novels</u>

Sub-category: <u>Children</u>

Film Rights: Babel-Bridge Literary

Agency

Available material: Danish original; English, German, Polish and Romanian professional translations; French, Spanish full sample translations.

SYNOPSIS

Marie Curie's life and research changed the world and paved the way for new opportunities for all women. Her unique drive - against all odds - to understand nature and its laws lead to ground-breaking research, which changed the science of medicine - both in terms of diagnoses and treatment. She was the first female recipient of a Nobel Prize and the first - and to date the only - person to receive a Nobel Prize in two categories, first physics and later in chemistry.

REVIEWS

"Ambitious and expertly communicated" – (4 hearts in Politiken)

"Many funny and interesting details about Marie Curie's life which are sure to give you something to think about" - (Weekendavisen)

TERRITORIES HANDLED

World except: Danish

TERRITORIES SOLD

Armenian: Paradigma Educational Foundation, English (US): <u>IDW</u>, German: Impian Verlag, Polish: Media Rodzyna, Romanian: Editura Art.

Stine Spedsbjerg



It will be a Long Life

Det bliver et langt liv

Wonderfully spot-on graphic novel about the challenges of growing up.

The artist, **StineStregen**, has earned herself lots of fans with her original, recognisable illustration style.

STINESTREGEN Det bliver et langt liv

SYNOPSIS

It will be a long life is a collection of spot-on comic strips, describing a teenage girl's life with its happiness, sorrow and worries. The book is jam-packed with humorous energy and recognisable situations which both daughters and parents will no doubt be able to see themselves in. The book focuses on a list of relevant themes such as friendship, parent relationship, state of the world, SoMe, parties and, not least, looks – and yes, of course also boys! StineStregen portrays the insecurity, the awkward, the cool, the funny and the unknown involved in teenage life with equilibristic accuracy.

REVIEWS

"We are very excited to publish "It will be a long life" at Mixtvision - it is destined to become a cult classic for readers aged 12-18!" – Kerstin Rabe (Mixtvision (Stine's German publisher))

"Icelandic teenagers need this book." – Ólíver Þorsteinsson (LEÓ Bókaútgafa (Stine's Icelandic publisher))

Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u>

Published: September, 2020

140 pages

Category: <u>Graphic Novels</u>

Sub-category: <u>Children</u>

Genre: Realism

Themes: Love, Belonging/Identity,

Family, Growing up

Available material: English sample + full

German translation

Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Territories Sold

German: MixtVision

Icelandic: LEÓ Bókaútgáfa

Stine Spedsbjerg



Disguised as **Grown-up**

Forklædt som voksen

A young woman's path to independence as seen through Stine Spedsbjerg's vulnerable, funny and sharp pen.

The artist, StineStregen, has earned herself lots of fans with her original, recognisable illustration style.

SYNOPSIS

After the success of IT WILL BE A LONG LIFE, aimed at teenagers, DISGUISED AS ADULT talks to the slightly older audience, 15+, and describes all the possible and impossible scenarios you end up in when you live in the twilight zone between child and adult.

How do you handle your parents, your friends, your lovers, when you look adult on the outside, but still don't feel very grown-up on the inside?



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: <u>Gads Forlag</u>

Published: October, 2021

144 pages

Category: <u>Graphic Novels</u>

Sub-category: <u>Crossover</u>

Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Stine Spedsbjerg



Growth Pains

Voksenværk

A graphic novel about life as a woman, seen through StineStregen's vulnerable, funny and sharp pen.

The artist, **StineStregen**, has earned herself lots of fans with her original, recognisable illustration style.

STINESTREGEN Voksenværk GADS FORLAG

SYNOPSIS

What happens when you start to get a grip on education and working life - and everyone around you take the plunge with couplehood and children? And how do your surroundings react when you actually don't wish to have children?

StineStregen handles sensitive topics in her usual suprior balance between vulnerabilty and humour.

Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: September, 2023

144 pages

Category: Graphic Novels

Sub-category: Adult

REVIEWS

"What I love the most about the book, is the main character's solidarity, love and eagerness to understand other women's situation." – (Kristeligt Dagblad)

"It is a moving and engaging book. StineStregen gets into all angles of being voluntarily childless. There is a caring approach to both those with and without children, but at the same time a sense of sharp societal satire." - (Lektørudtalelse (Library review))

Territories Handled

John Kenn Mortensen



The Wrestler

Fribryderen

The first full-length comic by John Kenn Mortensen: a fascinating new version of the Faust legend. Be prepared for horror, laughter and tears...

John Kenn Mortensen, the Danish cult illustrator, celebrated by fans around the world for his incredibly detailed illustrations of monsters.

SYNOPSIS

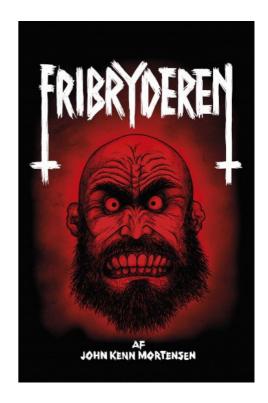
The past is catching up with the old wrestler, Sledgehammer: as a novice wrestler, years ago, he made a pact with the Devil to give his soul in exchange for 25 years of invincibility. Full of bravura, he wins all matches he can get his hands on and by accident kills his best friend. It becomes his downfall and when we meet him in the present, he is an alcoholised wreck ... and he has forgotten all about the pact.

Then a mysterious stranger convinces him to fight one last fight. If he wins, he will get a fortune, enough to secure the future of the wife and child, he has neglected.

REVIEWS

"The drawings hit you like a fist in the face" – (Serieland)

"A master example of John Kenn Mortensen's big art" – (Litteratursiden)



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Fahrenheit

Published: November, 2019

70 pages

Category: <u>Graphic Novels</u>

Sub-category: <u>Adult</u>

Genre: <u>Commercial fiction</u>

Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Territories Sold

English (World): Fantagraphics

Benni Bødker John Kenn Mortensen





A Christmas Bestiary

Julebestiariet

A mesmerizing peak at the beasts that enter our world during the cosy time of Christmas.

Benni Bødker is one of Denmark's leading writers of horror fiction for children and YA. His books have been translated into 12 languages.

John Kenn Mortensen, the Danish cult illustrator, celebrated by fans around the world for his incredibly detailed illustrations of monsters.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Cobolt

Published: October, 2017

104 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: <u>Tween</u>

Genre: Horror

Themes: Christmas

Available material: Danish original; English, Czech and Russian professional translations.

SYNOPSIS

Christmas is full of traditions that we love to take part in, but that we ultimately do not know the background of. This wasn't the case for our ancestors. They knew that Christmas isn't just the season of joy, but certainly also a season of pain. For them the month of Christmas was not only the darkest time of the year; it was also a dangerous time when the creatures of the netherworld appear among humans, and the portals to other worlds are thrown open.

This is still how it is. It's just that we are no longer equipped to cope.A Christmas Bestiary will hopefully help you survive.

REVIEWS

"How could you possibly do without this charming book?" – (5 hearts in Politiken)

"Rich on details and scary illustrations... and with tongue in cheek" -(Weekendavisen)

TERRITORIES HANDLED

World except: Danish

TERRITORIES SOLD

Czech: Argo, English (World): Fantagraphics, French: Les éditions de la Fabrique Électrique, Russian: AST Mainstream.

John Kenn Mortensen



Night Terror

Natteræd

With a over 300.000 followers on SoMe, John Kenn has status of cult illustrator of monsters and Night Terror is his latest stunning book. John is currently shortlisted for the Cultural Ministry's Illustrator Prize with this particular book.

John Kenn Mortensen, the Danish cult illustrator, celebrated by fans around the world for his incredibly detailed illustrations of monsters.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Forlaget Cobolt

Published: April, 2020

110 pages

Category: Graphic Novels

Sub-category: <u>Crossover</u>

SYNOPSIS

John Kenn Mortensen is the man behind the cult-hit Post-it Monsters (UK: Sticky Monsters), which has sold thousands of copies around the world and is published in UK, Czech Republic, Denmark, France and Italy.

Now an eagerly awaited follow-up has arrived, jam-packed with new, exciting drawings.

When your nightmare is so vivid that you can no longer keep dream and reality apart.

In Night Terror, John Kenn Mortensen has collected his most extreme monster drawings; drawings that centre on the nightmare, its nature and creatures. With a foreword by Danish author, Peter Adolphsen, he has composed a night symphony that sheds light on the merciless horror of our worst dreams.

REVIEWS

"It was my recent good fortune to be introduced to the work of John Kenn Mortensen and my even greater fortune to be privileged to publish this work by turns, playful, funny, wicked, stunningly imaginative, and, of course, masterfully rendered, like a combination of Edward Gorey and Bernie Wrightson, but every bit his own man." – Gary Groth (Publisher of Fantagraphics)

"It's all the nightmares of my childhood gathered together in one place to party. So much more terrifying than slashers and stalkers and evil clowns and monstrous political hatchetmen: these are the real terrors. The ones waiting in the shadows or under the bed or behind the half-closed door. The ones you will encounter beneath the street light when you walk home alone. This is their book. And now it's yours." – Neil Gaiman (Endorsement for the US edition)

Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Territories Sold

English (World): Fantagraphics

French: Les éditions de la Fabrique

Électrique

John Kenn Mortensen



The Nightmare Factory

Mareridtsfabrikken

Stunning nightmare drawings alongside darkly comical poems - John Kenn Mortensen is at his best in this gem of a book.

John Kenn Mortensen, the Danish cult illustrator, celebrated by fans around the world for his incredibly detailed illustrations of monsters.



Original Language: Danish

Original Publisher: Fahrenheit

Published: November, 2020

104 pages

Category: <u>Children's Books</u>

Sub-category: Middle-Grade

Genre: Horror

Available material: English sample

Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

Territories Sold

English (World): Fantagraphics

SYNOPSIS

34 short poems accompanied by the most elaborate drawings of all sorts of creepy nightmares we might have.

The frame story is a house at night, out of the darkness emerge two scary figures who enter into the house, pick up a sleeping boy and carry him - bed and all out of the house. Then the different dreams start. Have a look here:

"I have caught myself a real nuisance of man He is blind but has one eye that works on his left hand"

"Behind my granny's summer house, there is a secret path There lies an extra-terrestrial who could really do with a bath"

"Under my seat on the bus to school lies a bearded man who says he died in a pool"

"Oh, I really hope that I am spinning a tale I believe there is a living thing underneath my nail".

REVIEWS

"It was my recent good fortune to be introduced to the work of John Kenn Mortensen and my even greater fortune to be privileged to publish this work by turns, playful, funny, wicked, stunningly imaginative, and, of course, masterfully rendered, like a combination of Edward Gorey and Bernie Wrightson, but every bit his own man." - Gary Groth (Publisher of Fantagraphics)